

**Status of Claims**

1. A substantially correct copy of the appealed claims appears in the Appendix at pages 10 and 11 of appellant's brief. The minor errors are as follows: The Appendix does not clearly state the status of the claims. Claims 1, 6, and 7 are pending and appealed and claims 2-5 and 8-13 have been cancelled.

**Reply Brief**

2. The reply brief filed 06/15/2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A. Brier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7656. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:30 to 4:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xiao Wu can be reached at (571) 272-7661. The fax phone Number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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